

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

09/890,409

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Steven D. Maki

Art Unit

1733

All Participants:

(1) Steven D. Maki

(2) Lawrence Galvin

Status of Application: _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

Date of Interview: 9 December 2004

Time: _____

Type of Interview:

☒ Telephonic

☐ Video Conference

☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

103

Claims discussed:

46 and 58

Prior art documents discussed:

Hitzky

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

Steven D. Maki
(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: On 12-3-04, examiner proposed amending claims 46 and 58 by inserting --so that the first transverse notches can drain water toward the at least one central circumferential groove-- after "the first transverse notches have a width between 2 mm and 7 mm" to clearly distinguish over the sipes of Hitzky. As to support for the proposed language, Examiner noted specification page 14 lines 17-20 and page 19 lines 4-18. Examiner also proposed changing title to --Tire including blocks and transverse notches--. On 12-9-04, applicant's representative made a counterproposal: in each of claims 46 and 58 insert --water-draining-- before "first transverse notch". Examiner agreed to this counterproposal. Applicant's representative agreed to the changes in the examiner's amendment..